

Pine Hills Hike: History, Stories & Plants

Sat. Oct 28, 2006, 10 am. At the Pine Hills parking lot.

The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks are sponsoring a guided hike and trailside talk about **one of Indiana's best kept secrets.**



Pine Hills was Indiana's first dedicated Nature Preserve and is considered by many to be its most scenic. We'll walk along its unusual and beautiful landforms called backbones and hear the tales and history of its fascinating past – the site of a preposterously located woolen mill, the haunt of a mad hermit, and the scene of a locally famous murder and more. Along the way, we'll pause to take a closer look at some of its interesting plants.

Be prepared for a slow but fairly rugged hike. We will cross a shallow creek by foot. The backbones are steep and must be walked cautiously. We'll meet at the Pine Hills parking lot on Rt. 234, about 1 mile west of the road to Shades State Park and 1/2 mile east of the Deer's Mill Covered Bridge. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours for the hike. This hike is not recommended for younger children. (Rich Scott will lead the hike.)